

**Selected Economic Characteristics: 2006**  
**Data Set: 2006 American Community Survey**  
**Survey: 2006 American Community Survey**  
**Geographic Area: Houston city, Texas**

**NOTE.** Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties. For more information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see Survey Methodology.

| Selected Economic Characteristics: 2006   | Estimate         | Margin of Error  |
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| <b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Population 16 years and over</b>       | <b>1,569,303</b> | <b>+/-19,641</b> |
| In labor force                            | 1,067,815        | +/-18,213        |
| Civilian labor force                      | 1,067,460        | +/-18,186        |
| Employed                                  | 977,383          | +/-16,799        |
| Unemployed                                | 90,077           | +/-7,085         |
| Armed Forces                              | 355              | +/-239           |
| Not in labor force                        | 501,488          | +/-10,268        |
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| <b>Civilian labor force</b>               | <b>1,067,460</b> | <b>+/-18,186</b> |
| Unemployed                                | 8.4%             | +/-0.6           |
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| <b>Females 16 years and over</b>          | <b>777,689</b>   | <b>+/-11,586</b> |
| In labor force                            | 460,932          | +/-10,215        |
| Civilian labor force                      | 460,827          | +/-10,198        |
| Employed                                  | 414,131          | +/-9,458         |
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| <b>Own children under 6 years</b>         | <b>199,495</b>   | <b>+/-7,109</b>  |
| All parents in family in labor force      | 107,743          | +/-7,416         |
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| <b>Own children 6 to 17 years</b>         | <b>319,805</b>   | <b>+/-9,748</b>  |
| All parents in family in labor force      | 205,687          | +/-8,159         |
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| <b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Workers 16 years and over</b>          | <b>953,116</b>   | <b>+/-16,920</b> |
| Car, truck, or van -- drove alone         | 689,281          | +/-14,130        |
| Car, truck, or van -- carpooled           | 139,503          | +/-7,329         |
| Public transportation (excluding taxicab) | 49,706           | +/-4,229         |

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| Walked  | 22,455         | +/-3,165         |
| Other means   | 22,208         | +/-3,480         |
| Worked at home  | 29,963         | +/-2,885         |
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| Mean travel time to work (minutes)                              | 26.4           | +/-0.4           |
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| <b>Civilian employed population 16 years and over</b>           | <b>977,383</b> | <b>+/-16,799</b> |
| <b>OCCUPATION</b>   |                |                  |
| Management, professional, and related occupations               | 298,880        | +/-8,713         |
| Service occupations   | 177,115        | +/-8,739         |
| Sales and office occupations                                    | 237,509        | +/-8,934         |
| Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations                      | 892            | +/-526           |
| occupations   | 135,213        | +/-6,732         |
| occupations   | 127,774        | +/-6,846         |
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| <b>INDUSTRY</b>   |                |                  |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining          | 20,419         | +/-2,316         |
| Construction  | 116,914        | +/-6,400         |
| Manufacturing   | 84,420         | +/-5,239         |
| Wholesale trade   | 39,629         | +/-3,255         |
| Retail trade  | 96,614         | +/-7,038         |
| Transportation and warehousing, and utilities                   | 54,893         | +/-4,788         |
| Information   | 14,246         | +/-2,031         |
| and leasing   | 66,390         | +/-5,029         |
| administrative and waste management services                    | 136,268        | +/-7,980         |
| assistance  | 175,350        | +/-7,797         |
| accommodation, and food services                                | 89,636         | +/-6,600         |
| Other services, except public administration                    | 59,751         | +/-4,604         |
| Public administration   | 22,853         | +/-2,630         |
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| <b>CLASS OF WORKER</b>  |                |                  |
| Private wage and salary workers                                 | 795,405        | +/-17,741        |
| Government workers  | 105,255        | +/-5,612         |
| business  | 74,736         | +/-4,620         |
| Unpaid family workers   | 1,987          | +/-812           |
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| <b>INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2006 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)</b> |                |                  |
| <b>Total households</b>   | <b>748,323</b> | <b>+/-8,860</b>  |
| Less than \$10,000  | 74,142         | +/-4,387         |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999  | 51,420         | +/-3,320         |
| \$15,000 to \$24,999  | 110,357        | +/-5,770         |
| \$25,000 to \$34,999  | 94,879         | +/-5,009         |

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| \$35,000 to \$49,999                           | 122,909        | +/-5,875        |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999                           | 121,938        | +/-4,963        |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999                           | 62,277         | +/-4,001        |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999                         | 58,895         | +/-3,642        |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999                         | 22,899         | +/-2,476        |
| \$200,000 or more                              | 28,607         | +/-2,328        |
| Median household income (dollars)              | 39,682         | +/-938          |
| Mean household income (dollars)                | 60,555         | +/-1,386        |
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| With earnings                                  | 640,238        | +/-8,467        |
| Mean earnings (dollars)                        | 60,416         | +/-1,506        |
| With Social Security                           | 140,073        | +/-4,521        |
| Mean Social Security income (dollars)          | 12,714         | +/-231          |
| With retirement income                         | 74,506         | +/-3,646        |
| Mean retirement income (dollars)               | 19,124         | +/-1,506        |
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| With Supplemental Security Income              | 27,000         | +/-2,828        |
| Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)    | 6,569          | +/-390          |
| With cash public assistance income             | 12,084         | +/-1,744        |
| Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)   | 1,995          | +/-385          |
| With Food Stamp benefits in the past 12 months | 77,058         | +/-4,512        |
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| <b>Families</b>                                | <b>461,199</b> | <b>+/-8,249</b> |
| Less than \$10,000                             | 35,116         | +/-3,346        |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999                           | 25,315         | +/-2,524        |
| \$15,000 to \$24,999                           | 66,087         | +/-3,934        |
| \$25,000 to \$34,999                           | 59,101         | +/-3,798        |
| \$35,000 to \$49,999                           | 73,333         | +/-4,228        |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999                           | 75,226         | +/-4,103        |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999                           | 43,658         | +/-3,342        |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999                         | 42,151         | +/-3,198        |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999                         | 17,575         | +/-2,028        |
| \$200,000 or more                              | 23,637         | +/-2,169        |
| Median family income (dollars)                 | 42,925         | +/-1,248        |
| Mean family income (dollars)                   | 69,390         | +/-2,116        |
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| Per capita income (dollars)                    | 23,041         | +/-492          |
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| <b>Nonfamily households</b>                    | <b>287,124</b> | <b>+/-7,911</b> |
| Median nonfamily income (dollars)              | 32,163         | +/-1,105        |
| Mean nonfamily income (dollars)                | 44,647         | +/-1,567        |
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| Median earnings for workers (dollars)          | 23,448         | +/-524          |
| workers (dollars)                              | 32,170         | +/-673          |

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| workers (dollars)  | 31,117 | +/-790 |
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| <b>PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES AND PEOPLE<br/>WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS<br/>BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL</b> |        |        |
| All families   | 17.0%  | +/-0.9 |
| With related children under 18 years   | 24.7%  | +/-1.5 |
| With related children under 5 years only   | 23.2%  | +/-3.6 |
| Married couple families  | 10.0%  | +/-0.8 |
| With related children under 18 years   | 15.4%  | +/-1.5 |
| With related children under 5 years only   | 13.0%  | +/-3.7 |
| present  | 34.8%  | +/-2.7 |
| With related children under 18 years   | 42.2%  | +/-3.4 |
| With related children under 5 years only   | 48.5%  | +/-7.8 |
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| All people   | 21.3%  | +/-0.8 |
| Under 18 years   | 32.1%  | +/-1.7 |
| Related children under 18 years  | 31.8%  | +/-1.7 |
| Related children under 5 years   | 35.5%  | +/-2.7 |
| Related children 5 to 17 years   | 30.0%  | +/-1.7 |
| 18 years and over  | 17.3%  | +/-0.7 |
| 18 to 64 years   | 17.7%  | +/-0.8 |
| 65 years and over  | 14.4%  | +/-1.6 |
| People in families   | 20.3%  | +/-1.0 |
| Unrelated individuals 15 years and over  | 25.4%  | +/-1.3 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey